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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter this Amendment in response to the Office Action of October 31, 2003,  
together with the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
  
- (2) Remarks/arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.